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SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE US STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS
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- Chile has declined further US FY 1977 economic aid. *While it is not certain that the move was in direct response to the State Department's announcement on 28 June that two agricultural loans for Chile included in the FY 1977 A.I.D. appropriation would be deferred for up to sixty days pending developments in the Chilean human rights situation, it is clear that it reflects Chile's negative reaction to US pressures on human rights in general. Last fall, Santiago renounced US economic aid after FY 1977, in reaction to a cut off by Congress of US military assistance.*
- Argentine officials recently announced a number of measures designed to improve that country's human rights image. The measures include some prisoner releases, the expediting of trials, and the banning of two issues of a far right, racist magazine. *The moves are more cosmetic than substantive, but the decision to publicize them reflects the government's increasing sensitivity to the potential implications of the US stand on human rights, particularly in regard to US voting in international financial institutions.*

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